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Former Moab resident Ray Williams died July 26

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Ray Lee Williams, 72, a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away Thursday, July 26. 2007 surrounded by his family and pets at his home in Farmington, N.M. He was born Jan. 24, 1935 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

A graduate of Grand County High School, Williams was the son of Dr. S.O. and Irene Williams, a dentist in Moab in the 1940s and 50s.

Ray is survived by his sweetheart of nearly 54 years, Jennette Williams; two daughters, RayNette Atkinson and husband David, and Mechael Jack and husband, LeGrand; son, Curtis Ray Williams; nephew, Sterling Bock who is considered a son; brother, Don E. Williams and wife, Carol; three sisters, Zephia Faye Bock, Connie Anderson, Ronaye Smarr and husband, Pete; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Family relationships were very important to Ray. He always put the needs of his family members above his own.

He loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He encouraged his children and grandchildren to be the very best they could be.

Ray owned and operated Ray Williams Mining Company for more than 28 years. Ray spent 21 of these years mining Uranium near Sanostee.

After ceasing mining operations in 1983, Ray and Jennette moved to Farmington. Ray pursued his hobbies with great passion after retiring from mining. He enjoyed salmon snagging.

Thank you for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are sincerely appreciated at this time and are gratefully acknowledged by the family of Ray Lee Williams.

Funeral Services were at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Blanco Blvd. in Bloomfield, N.M., with Bishop Larry Thompson conducting.

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